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Christmas in the streets

There was much Christmas joviality as parade watchers cheered the floats on at the annual Minden Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, Nov. 27. More photos on page 12. **Darren Lum** Times staff

Barry, Danielsen new Stanhope councillors

Chad Ingram
 Staff reporter

Highlands Ward 2, the former Stanhope township.

Barry and Danielsen beat out the township's retired chief administrator officer, Gerald Bain, in the Nov. 29 byelection in the ward.

The byelection was necessary after an error was made on the ballots for the ward for the Oct. 25 municipal election.

Barry, an artist and entrepreneur, was the top vote-earner on

Monday, with a total of 1,211 votes; Danielsen, municipal affairs report for the *County Voice* garnered 1,202; and Bain won 867 votes.

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Lisa Barry and Liz Danielsen are the new councillors for Algonquin

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Drivers urgently needed to take people to cancer treatment

While his wife fought her battle with cancer, Minden resident Dave Hollows thought about driving for the Canadian Cancer Society. After his mother became sick with the disease, he knew he could help.

Hollows has been driving with the Canadian Cancer Society since March 2010, and has not looked back since. "I had the time, so I wanted to help." He takes cancer patients from their home to cancer treat-

ment, either to Peterborough, Oshawa, Toronto or Kingston and back home again. "Go to a Relay For Life event and watch the victory lap – you want to do something after that," Hollows says.

Hollows often drives once per week for the society. The impact of the disease on his community cannot be ignored, and clients tell him they are relieved the program is available locally. "Clients say 'I don't know what I would do without you,'" he says, adding that his own wife used the service when she had radiation treatments. Often, clients may not have been able to get to their cancer appointments without the assistance of volunteer drivers.

The Canadian Cancer Society's transportation program has been in operation for more than 50 years, with nearly 13-million kilometres in rides logged within Ontario in 2009. People who are in need of a ride to their cancer treatments must first register with the society, and are matched with an available driver in their general neighbourhood. All volunteer drivers must provide a smoke-free car, possess \$1 million worth of third-party liability insurance, and have no more than three demerit points on record. Volunteer drivers may need to transport more than one client in their vehicle, and can specify how often they are available to drive.

With the continuous increase in and aging of our population, the Canadian Cancer Society forecasts the demand for drivers will far outweigh the current supply, especially in Minden and Haliburton. Some people do not have the financial means to drive themselves, or friends or family to assist. In 2009, two in five Canadians are expected to be diagnosed with cancer in

their lifetime. The result: more drivers will be needed to meet an increased need for rides and the local Canadian Cancer Society hopes to add at least eight new volunteer drivers to their roster in these communities.

Haliburton resident Dave Harris started driving just more than one year ago after speaking with a fellow driver. After retirement, he thought "it would be good to give back to the community and help out. Helping people gives me a good feeling." He adds, "driving is the easiest thing you can do if you like doing it."

Harris says clients are "so appreciative – they can't thank you enough." He enjoys his time with clients, saying "once you start talking, you realize they are very interesting people. Time goes by very fast." He enjoys the flexibility the society offers him as a volunteer, saying "I'm not doing this every day – it's not a whole lot of time out of your life."

Drivers are financially compensated for their mileage, but for the "driving Daves," the intrinsic reward is far greater. Dave Hollows says, "People want praise for helping people. But as a volunteer driver, you get so much more out of it."

Dave Harris has this to say to anyone who is thinking of driving: "If you are retired and have some extra time, why not do something valuable in your community – particularly for cancer patients?"

If you wish to volunteer with the Canadian Cancer Society as a driver, or if you are a cancer patient in need of a ride to treatment, please contact the local Canadian Cancer Society office in Peterborough at 705-742-3823 or 1-800-463-0432.



In search of a perfect Christmas with SIRCH

Annie Matthews clutches her treasure found at the third annual In SIRCH of the Perfect Christmas held at the Minden Hills Community Centre in Minden on Saturday, Nov. 27. The two-day event that started on Friday afternoon had 36 vendors, showcasing edibles and artwork, including businesses and local organizations. There were more than 500 people who attended. Proceeds of the event went to SIRCH Community Services, which offers a variety of services such as hospice.

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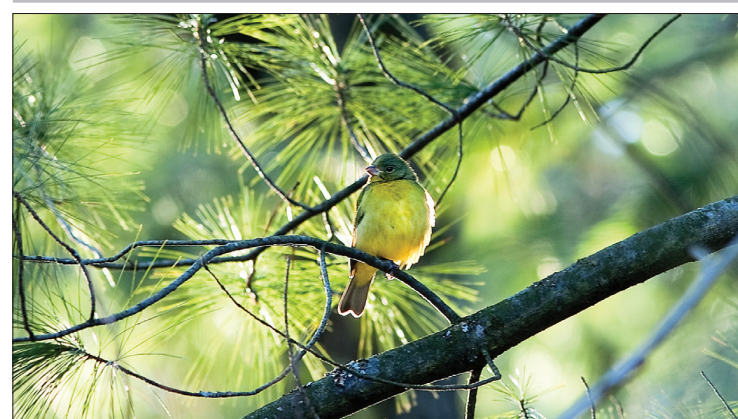
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Robert Beeney took this photo of what looks like a Mexican bunting - that he saw in Miners Bay just before the snow came.

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Bain not surprised, but disappointed by election loss

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"I'm pretty delighted," Barry said following her victory. "I feel like I've just been hired. I'm pretty humbled to have so much support."

Candidates and their supporters gathered at the Stanhope Firefighters Community Hall to watch the votes come in.

"I'm feeling completely bowled over," said a clearly emotional Danielsen as she arrived at the hall. "I think we did really well. I'm an outsider . . . and Lisa's young and inexperienced."

Danielsen was referring to the fact that she doesn't reside in the township, but is actually a resident of Hastings County. Leasing a piece of property within Algonquin Highlands allowed her to run in the election.

"I really want to voice my appreciation for my campaign team and everyone who voted for me," she continued. "This has been a real learning experience for me and I'm excited to serve."

Bain said he was not surprised by the results, but was disappointed.

An all-candidates meeting in Stanhope on Sept. 19 made it clear that many township residents tied Bain to the controversial Stanhope Airport expansion project, since he'd been a supporter of the idea in his years as CAO and is a personal friend of outgoing Reeve Eleanor Harrison.

"I reluctantly got involved [in the election] simply because I could see it was going to be a very inexperienced council," he said. "Obviously the electorate has decided . . . and I respect and appreciate the democratic process."

Between his years as treasurer and CAO of Stanhope and those as CAO of the amalgamated Algonquin Highlands township, Bain served some 30 years as a municipal staffer.

Danielsen ran based on her experience with municipal politics in her roles as both a municipal councillor and staffer for years in the Northwest Territories, as well as her knowledge of local issues through her work at the *Voice*.

Barry said her youth and vitality would bring a fresh perspective to council and also spoke of her concerns for the environment and her desire to give back to her community. Both expressed their opposition to the controversial Stanhope Airport expansion, but were adamant they were not single-issue candidates.



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Gerald Bain congratulates Liz Danielsen on her victory in Monday night's byelection in Ward 2 of Algonquin Highlands.

Bain said in his campaign he thought the airport expansion project needed to be put on hold until the township's financial situation could be thoroughly reviewed.

It is likely the controversial and unpopular expansion project, on which the township has already spent more than \$1 million in consulting, property acquisition, legal and punitive costs, will be quashed by the new council. The widely distained project, which would have built an additional 1,220-metre runway at the airport, was approved for up to two-thirds funding of \$3.6 million through the Building Canada Fund in February of 2009.

Dorset real estate agent Gordon Henderson is the

acclaimed councillor for the township's Ward 1, which encompasses Dorset and areas south to Stanhope. Oxtongue Lake businessman Gary Schultz beat out incumbent Diane Griffin for councillor of Ward 3, which encompasses Oxtongue Lake and areas south to Dorset.

Carol Moffatt, who has served one term as a Ward 2 councillor and was the only member of the outgoing council to oppose the airport expansion project, won the position of reeve by acclamation.

The new council is scheduled to sit for the first time on Dec. 16.



Rotary gives \$2,000 to library

The Minden Rotary Club donated \$2,000 to the Minden Hills library branch last week as part of the club's \$7,500 commitment to the building. Pictured are Jim Malcomson, Rotarian Joanna Penfold, Mary Fox, Rotary president Dennis Casey, Klara Oyler, Haliburton County Public Library CEO Bessie Sullivan, Jim Fox and Elly Malcomson.

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Frost Centre fate unknown

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

It remains unclear what may happen to the abandoned Frost Centre.

The facility has sat vacant since the province shut down the fledgling Frost Centre Institute – a would-be environmental college and boarding school headed up by former IBM businessman Al Aubry – in April for the school's inability to pay its rent.

While the province has said it would be accepting proposals regarding the future use of the St. Nora Lake facility, MPP Rick Johnson told the *Times* last week it's too early to discuss what may happen to the Frost Centre.

"It's too soon to speculate on future uses of the property," Johnson said in an email. "Ontario Realty Corporation recognizes that the local municipalities are important stakeholders and has had initial discussions to receive their input on the future of this significant community asset."

However, Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison said her township, in which the centre is located, hasn't heard from the province regarding the centre since a brief meeting in the spring when the township was notified the Frost Centre Institute would be closing.

"That was some time ago," Harrison said. "No one's heard a word."

It appears the province may also be looking at selling the property.

"ORC has also started analyzing options for review and consideration," Johnson wrote.

Harrison said that if the province decides to sell the property, it is likely that the township or the county would get first dibs, but she didn't see buying the facility as a viable option for either the lower- or upper-tier local government.

"I don't think that's a realistic option," she said, adding that some of the facility's buildings are quite old.

Aubry said the centre's buildings cost about \$250,000 a year to heat.

The Frost Centre Institute had been open for nearly three years when the province shut it down.

"The government has a responsibility to ensure that taxpayers' money is spent in a fiscally prudent and accountable manner," Johnson said of the decision to shut down the school.

The province lost a "significant" amount of money in unpaid rent, he said in the spring.

For years the Frost Centre operated as a Ministry of Natural Resources facility, before being closed in 2004.

Johnson said he would personally like to see the facility utilized.

"Ideally, I want to see a plan in place that will have the Frost Centre up and running," she said. "It's an important asset to our region."



Kid hero receives recognition

Outgoing Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon awards 11-year-old Seth Smith a special certificate during a Nov. 25 council meeting for potentially saving the life of an elderly man on Nov. 9. Seth was riding his bike when he saw the man fall from the stairs leading to the entrance of his home. Seth raced to tell his daycare provider what he had seen and after it was determined the man was in need of an ambulance, she called 911.

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Remember: to make the most of the Challenge have your gifts ready for pick up BEFORE December 10th. Early delivery to the workshop means the elves have enough time to prepare the baskets before Christmas.





County struggles to recruit doctors

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

The county's health professionals recruitment committee continues to struggle to attract new doctors to the Highlands, but it does have some new options to look at, according to the Haliburton Highlands Health Services' CEO.

Paul Rosebush made a presentation to county councillors at their Nov. 24 meeting where he spoke of the committee's ongoing battle to bring doctors to the area.

One of these options may be funding medical students' education in return for a promise that, once graduated, they would serve in the community for a given length of time.

Rosebush said the medical school at the University of Michigan had recently opened up 25 spots for Canadian students in a special medical program where the county could fund four years of med school for \$160,000, plus two years of residency, in what Rosebush said would be a long-term investment.

Looking at financial incentives for relocation to the area is another option the county may wish to explore, Rosebush said.

This is a tactic many communities are using and Rosebush thought a relocation grant of \$50,000 or more would be an attractive offer to physicians looking to set up practice.

While Rosebush had looked at the idea of setting up a nurse practitioner clinic in the county, he hadn't been able to find a physician to take the lead on such a project, which is a requirement of the province.

The first class of physician assistants – similar to nurse practitioners in that they can perform some of the functions of a doctor – graduated from a new program at McMaster University this spring. While one of the 24 graduates had a visit to the county scheduled, that individual took a job in another community.

A similar-sized class is scheduled to gradu-

ate next spring and the committee will once again be trying to bring physician assistants to the area, Rosebush said.

"We need to work together," he said, explaining that the community needs to come together, pooling its resources, if we are to bring physicians to the area.

The committee itself consists of a cross-section of people from throughout the county and operates on about \$9,000 a year from the county and HHHS. In the past, it has also received some small grants from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

"The incentives are certainly not there," said outgoing Algonquin Highlands Reeve Eleanor Harrison, who will continue to sit on the recruitment committee.

While the committee had been battling around the idea of hiring a full-time, professional physician recruiter, she said there was no point in taking this step unless the county was able to come up with some financial incentives to offer potential recruits.

She hoped the new county council would pay close attention to the issue.

The Central East Local Health Integration Network, of which Haliburton County is part, has the third worst patient-physician ratio of the province's 14 LHINs.

While in Toronto, a physician has an average of 750 patients, here the number is twice that.

Because of the dire situation the county's communities are in, Rosebush said they are eligible for provincial funding to help with doctor recruitment efforts.

Dysart et al township is eligible for up to \$92,000; Minden Hills up to \$99,000; Highlands East up to \$102,000; and Algonquin Highlands up to \$113,000.

There are 10 doctors on the Haliburton Family Health Team, two at the Kinmount Medical Centre and one family physician in Minden.

Many of these physicians are nearing retirement age.

Century 21 helps Bread for Life soup kitchen

Andrew Hodgson, owner of the Century 21 Granite Realty Group, presents a cheque to Rev. Ron Mahler of the Highland Lakes Community Church that will go towards the church's Bread for Life soup kitchen program, which will start up at the Minden Hills Community Centre on Jan. 7. at 12 p.m. The program will provide free meals on the first Friday of each month. Also pictured are Century 21 employees Tom Wilkinson, Pam Weiss, Ed Gibbons and David Lee.

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How to attract doctors

NO DOUBT, one of the biggest challenges facing Haliburton County and countless other communities across the province and the country is the shortage of doctors.

A shrinking number of general practitioners and a senior population that it is increasing at an unprecedented rate as baby boomers age has us looking at a pretty bleak medical future where some may simply not be able to get the help they need.

It's happening already.

The Central East Local Health Integration Network, to which Haliburton County belongs, has the third-worst doctor-patient ratio of the 14 LHINs in the province, with doctors in the area having 1,500 patients or more each.

So, what are we to do?

The answer, and the only answer, is money.

Medical school is incredibly expensive and many doctors graduate with \$100,000 or more of student debt.

Many communities are now offering financial incentives – often in the form of large, upfront sums of cash – to bring doctors to their communities.

Haliburton County has to do the same or it will get left behind.

While the county's medical professional recruitment committee has been trying to promote the county's beautiful landscape and recreational opportunities to get doctors here, this is not enough.

In 2007 and 2008, I lived in a small community in British Columbia that was in a similar predicament.

Osoyoos is a small town of 5,000, with a mostly elderly population and an economy

almost entirely rooted in the tourism industry.

Sound familiar?

Anyway, the physician recruitment team in Osoyoos pushed the ubiquitous vineyards and warm weather of the Okanagan Valley with hopes it would attract doctors to town.

I remember interviewing some of the members of that team after they returned from some kind of conference that was more or less a job fair for doctors.

Their booth had been set up beside that of the Canadian military, which at the time was offering doctors a sign-on bonus of \$500,000 if they com-

mitted to three years.

Needless to say, they were a bit discouraged and when I left that community, it was still struggling with its doctor shortage.

We're at a point where doctors are so few, it seems unlikely that many are going to choose communities that don't offer financial incentives when there are so many that do.

The county's townships are eligible for provincial funding for doctor recruitment and they should take advantage of that.

At some point, townships must also be willing to pony up the dough for relocation grants.

The Haliburton Highlands Health Services Foundation and the health auxiliaries are always raising money for new medical equipment. Perhaps they could also start raising money to go into some kind of physician incentive fund.

I don't know exactly where we're supposed to get it, but if I want more doctors in the area, we need a big bag of cash.



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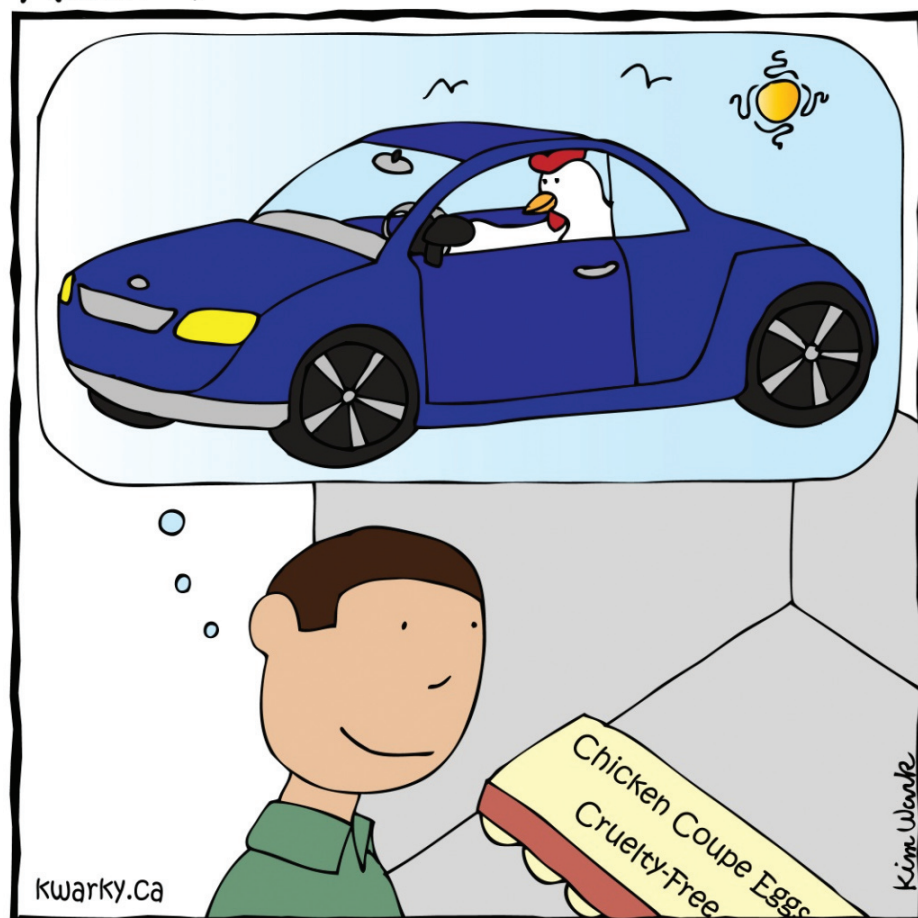
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letters to the editor

Shame on the one who accosted Legion volunteer

To the Editor,

To the female person who accosted the Minden Legion poppy volunteer while on poppy duty at the LCBO outlet in Minden on Oct. 30, I say, "Shame on you." I hope you have had lots of time to get over your guilt and that you had a good night's sleep.

The Legion is proud of our members who take the time to do poppy duty and to pay tribute to remembering our veterans who served and fought for this wonderful country, many of whom gave their lives so that all of us, including the person who attacked the volunteer, can enjoy freedom to live in Canada.

To the residents of Minden and its business owners, as well as visitors and cottage owners, the Royal Canadian Legion Minden sincerely thanks you for your loyal support for this year's poppy campaign, which has been one of the most successful in recent years.

Again, many thanks,

Al Mayo
Poppy chairman, Minden Legion

We need more time for recycling strategy

To the Editor,

First we congratulate the reeves for developing a Municipal Waste Recycling Strategy (MWRS). Landfill capacity is a very real issue for the county. The Jacques Whitford reports, prepared for the county, indicated that the county in total has capacity for approximately 18 years, based on a 35 per cent diversion rate. The Cambium MWRS report assumed a diversion rate of only 23 per cent suggesting an even greater need to up our recycling game.

One of the consequences of living in this lovely rock, tree, water environment is that it is difficult to site new dumps. Thus it is extremely important that we divert as much as possible from them. We know that successful waste diversion requires solid buy-in from the citizens of the county.

Knowing that community support will be essential, why are you providing only one week for comment on the proposed strat-

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points of view

Of mice and younger men

WHEN I WAS YOUNGER, I believed that the fountain of youth was any fountain in which the water wasn't too high for me to take a slurp out of. Even now, things haven't changed all that much for me.

Having said that, I am intrigued by recent claims by researchers at the Harvard Medical School that say they have found ways to rejuvenate the organs in mice, thereby making them physiologically younger – much like, if those TV commercials are to be believed, Oil of Olay's Regenerist.

In simple language, the scientists claim to have found a way to stop the internal organs of mice from aging, essentially by preventing their DNA from unravelling. They say that in mice whose age is the human equivalent of 80, the treatment has returned their internal organs to conditions found in young adults of the species. And, in time, they

hope this breakthrough can be passed along to elderly humans.

Though this doesn't bode well for pigeons in the park, this is truly exciting stuff. After all, we humans have been actively seeking the fountain of youth ever since *Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade* – and many of us will go to any means to find it.

As the not-so-proud owner of middle-aged organs, I've got to admit, I'm rooting for those researchers. My innards could probably use a good overhaul.

But I also feel for those who have spend their lives dealing in geriatric issues. I mean, if this treatment succeeds and becomes commonplace in humans, adult diapers will just be sold for recreational use.

Reversing the aging trend, of course, has hundreds of side effects on society – some good, some bad. But it is nice to know that medical science is actually



Steve Galea
Beyond 35

working towards preventing folks my age from suffering through painful and debilitating diseases like Bingo and the music of Celine Dion. If this works, they might even find a cure for all those stories that start with, "When I was a kid I had to walk six miles through a snowstorm to make it to school..."

This will also put pressure on producers of computers and other technologies to make things simple enough for even a 90 year old. Which will ultimately confuse those 20-something folks who now have it all figured out.

"How come the new iPods look like

old-time channel changers?" they'll ask.

Or, "Why is 20-point the smallest font you can legally use now?"

It will, of course, be to suit the older but more youthful demographic – the ones who have amassed all the money. This might mean that 100 will become the new 40 and that pot bellies and grey hair will become sexy again. Here's hoping.

On the down side, this might also cause the world's population to boom further. Which is why I am thinking of investing heavily in Maalox, applesauce, ballroom dancing academies, and bingo.

Then again, who knows? After all, the only reason why those mice lived that long was because some other mouse beat them to the cheese. New organs might make them go faster too....

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The comfort of wood smoke

BEATS THERE A HEART so cold it cannot be warmed by a whisp of wood smoke rising out of a Haliburton chimney on a pure blue winter day?

Home from a walk through the first real snow of November, The Brown Dog Jiggs and I behold a plume of white rising from two fresh-laid chunks of maple.

My spirits soar at the sight and The Brown Dog mounts the stoop to stand, nose pointed at the door latch, ready to be let into the warm.

Up over a hill and around a curve on the road to Haliburton and a valley full of smoking chimneys and I would stop to write a poem if only I knew how.

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forced us to invent civilizations that planned ahead for cold winters.

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Now, at the dawn of this brave new age of bits and bytes, the only physical activity required to keep us warm is the signing of a cheque. Lift a pen, not an axe, and your work is done.

Even in the isolation of Sapsucker Ridge, the economic advantage of heating with wood must be minimal. The trees are free, but the chainsaws and the ATV and the fuel they burn, aren't.

But there is something so satisfying about wood heat that I would not trade my woodshed and its contents for a lifetime supply of free fuel oil.

For there is no heat like the wood heat that oozes out of the heater sitting on a tiled platform in my living-room. Walk through a cold, bright January morning draped with last night's snow, Jiggs snuffling in the white for mouse

smells.

Come on in out of the cold. Take off your boots in the mudroom while Jiggs gives himself a good shake. Open the door to the kitchen.

Feel the heat wash over you. Not so much wash over, as wrap you in its arms, cuddle you in layers of safety against the dangerous cold outside.

Bask in it, doze in it, let its light guide you to the bathroom in the night. Listen to it snap, crackle and pop. Let it lull you into a stupor.

And know that it is not some outside agency that is keeping you warm, that it will endure through the howling winds of the worst winter storm you can imagine.

Know that the trees you burn now leave behind offspring that will warm the next generation and the generation after that and leave more offspring of their own and so on into infinity. Heat without end, amen.

Know that your heat did not come out of a landscape-destroying hole in the ground or floated across oceans, that

you are not stealing from the future or gorging on prehistory to keep yourself warm.

That last paragraph is rationalization. I heat with wood, not to save the environment, but because it makes me happy.

Happy in that special warmth, and happy to know that, at least in this one way, I am almost self-sufficient. On Sapsucker Ridge, I fell and buck and split and pile and leave the forest to fill in its blanks.

I depend on myself for this one important thing, depend on myself in a way too rare in a complicated world.

And The Brown Dog Jiggs, curled up in the glow of the fire, depends on me.

Jiggs will be at Country Rose in Haliburton to shake a paw on Friday at 2 p.m. when Neil reads from his collection of columns, Cell Phones and Sap Buckets. Neil will be signing his book at Organic Times in Minden on Thursday between 11 a.m. and 3 p.m. and at the Christmas Craft Sale in Wilberforce on Saturday between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m.

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Both Minden Times columnists Steve Galea and Neil Campbell are award-winning writers. Winning the OCNA's best humour columnist and best overall columnist respectively.

letters

Don't neglect local input

from page 6

egy, which on Nov. 26, was available on only the Algonquin Highlands website? How serious are you in consulting the citizens of the county? Your process suggests that you think our input is irrelevant, worthless and of little value. Further, the language in the notice was astonishingly patronizing. We assure you that the citizens of Haliburton County are fully functioning, intelligent and articulate, with ideas and information and skills well worth harnessing.

We ask that the in-coming reeves and councils establish an at least adequate consultation on this strategy which is so important to the future of the county. Let the MWRS have a chance of success by allowing the citizens of the county time to consider, to reflect, to participate and therefore to buy in to what will be a much improved strategy.

Carolynn Coburn
Mieke Foster
Eric Lilius
Heather Ross



Chad Ingram Times staff

Dollo's Foodland manager Jamie Dollo presents Jenna Burnett, county coordinator of Food for Kids, with a cheque for \$2,500. Food for Kids is a not-for-profit organization, which provides healthy snacks and breakfasts to students in Haliburton County. For information or to donate, email jburnettfood4kids@gmail.com. Also pictured are Mike and Kelli MacNaull of Foodland.

Dollo's Foodland gives \$2,500 to Food for Kids

Jamie Dollo and Mike MacNaull of Dollo Bros. Foodland present Jenna Burnett, county coordinator of Food For Kids, Haliburton County's Student Nutrition Program, with a cheque for \$2,500. "We are proud to support Food For Kids," states Jamie. "The children of Haliburton County need this program and it is a high priority for us here at Dollo's Foodland in Minden."

Food for Kids is a not-for-profit, volunteer-driven program with more than 70 volunteers who, together with the county coordinator and steering committee are dedicated to providing a variety of healthy, nutritious food to our children. Food For Kids is there for children who do not eat breakfast before they come to school and for those who may, after long bus rides, be hungry on arrival.

"Our student nutrition program is essential to student learning. We provide over 4,000 healthy snacks and/or breakfasts each week to all students in Haliburton County. Our goal is to ensure that no child goes to

school too hungry to learn. This donation from Dollo Bros. Foodland will make a big difference and is greatly appreciated," says Burnett.

Food For Kids receives base funding from the Ministry of Children and Youth Services and from the Trillium Lakelands District School Board but relies on other grants and community donations to meet funding needs. Food For Kids continues to need financial support from community groups, businesses and individuals. Send your donation to Food For Kids care of Point in Time, 69 Eastern Avenue, Box 1306 Haliburton, Ont., K0M1S0. Charitable tax receipts will be issued for donations of more than \$10.

For more information or to become a volunteer, please contact Jenna Burnett by phone at 705-935-0114 or email jburnett-food4kids@gmail.com.

Submitted by Gail Stelter, Chairwoman
Food For Kids Steering Committee

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NOTICE

Please be advised that the Township of Minden Hills Administration Office will be closed from and including Friday, December 24th and will reopen on Monday, January 3rd, 2011 at 8:30 a.m. for the Christmas holidays.

Anyone requiring immediate assistance for a "Township Related" emergency should call the after hours number 1-866-856-3247. For all other emergencies, dial 9-1-1.

Meetings and Events

December 3rd	9 pm Annual Township Christmas Dance – Community Centre – all welcome (non-perishable food donations or a "toonie" for the Minden Food Bank)
December 6th	7 pm Council Inaugural - Council Chambers
December 9th	9 am Council Meeting
December 12th	Silverstick Bantom Midget Finals 8 am-4:30pm
December 18th	3 pm Agnes Jamieson Gallery Members Show closing reception with Holiday cheer & goodies
December 24th	12 noon – Community Centre/Arena-CLOSED
December 24th	Admin Office CLOSED
December 25th	Community Centre/Arena – CLOSED
December 26th	Arena OPEN – Free Public Skating sponsored by Minden Pharmasave
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January 3rd, 2011	Admin Office OPEN

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You're Invited!

The residents of Minden Hills are cordially invited to attend The Inaugural Meeting of the newly elected Council which will take place
Monday, December 6th, 2010
at 7:00 p. m.

In the Minden Hills Council Chambers
 7 Milne Street, Minden



The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills is seeking expressions of interest from members of the public for the upcoming term of Council, effective January 2011 through November 2014, wishing to sit on any of the advisory boards/committees listed below:

Finance Committee
 Roads Committee
 Economic Development Committee
 Youth Committee
 Parks & Recreation Committee (includes Community Facilities in Irondale, Gelert & Lochlin)
 Minden Hills Cultural Centre Committee
 Community Engagement Committee
 Minden Hills Library Committee
 Cemetery Board
 Events Committee
 Committee of Adjustment
 Solid Waste Management Committee
 Protective Services Committee
 Planning & Development Committee

We would ask that you provide the undersigned with a Letter of Interest and application form on or before January 4th, 2011 at our office – 2nd floor, 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario.

For further information on these committees (purpose, etc.) please visit our website at www.mindenhills.ca and go to the tab "Clerk" or "Public Notices".

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

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Haliburton County news

Enthusiasm and skepticism at RTO meeting

Jenn Watt
Editor

It will take time before local tourism operators decide whether the new provincial tourism regions are a benefit or a hindrance to their businesses.

At the Pinestone Resort Nov. 24, members of the tourism sector came to hear about Regional Tourism Organization (RTO) 11 – now named Ontario's Highlands Tourism Organization – which will analyze and market the region to the wider world.

And while there was enthusiasm for the work done so far by the OHTO, including an ongoing audit of tourism assets and a promise to increase marketing of the area, there was also skepticism about what was seen by some as another layer of government bureaucracy.

"I see another bureaucracy growing and not actually engaging the group it's supposed to be serving," one member of the audience said.

"This is our first opportunity to get industry engagement ... we're doing our best to get our communication strategy in place," Nicole Whiting, coordinator for the OHTO responded.

The OHTO along with 12 other tourism organizations in Ontario was formed in December, 2009. It encompasses Renfrew, Lanark, Hastings and Lennox-Addington among other municipalities.

On Wednesday, Whiting along with consultant Richard Innes, who is working on "strategic direction," explained the work done so far and what is coming for the RTO.

"The success of the RTO doesn't rest with the board [of directors]. It's you – your industry," Innes told the group.

He outlined the plans for the region, which included increasing the number of people visiting through development and marketing.

First, the RTO will study why people are coming to this area and then identify the gaps in service, including underperforming assets.

Then they will identify unique or keystone products or experiences and market them to a world audience.

Part of the process will be launching a "premier ranked tourist destination framework," which is essentially a highly coordinated inventory of tourism-related services and products in a region.

"It really is a process that helps us determine where we are as a tourism destination. It helps us determine our competitiveness. It will be a collection of critical data, that once we evaluate it, will really point to the areas we need to focus attention on," Innes said.

"It will really help us address some of the challenges we're facing."

Bev Quirt, tourism industry advisor with the Ministry of Tourism and Culture, was also at the meeting and told the group about her experience coordinating a premier-ranked tourist destination framework.

Through the framework, the group establishes what is unique about the region and then markets that quality to a larger audience.

Quirt described the experience Prince Edward County had with the framework.

"They really needed to know what they had. ... People found human resources they didn't know they had. They were able to help each other and cross-promote their products at each other's events. It brought attention to the fact that tourism makes money for that small munic-

ipality. What it is is a flyover, a look-see, at what you have and where it is," she said.

This same framework will be done in the OHTO.

The province has committed a steady base funding of \$500,000 annually until 2012 at which point it isn't known whether money will continue to flow to the OHTO. This year there is an additional \$375,000 of performance funding.

In order to ensure stability, the province has suggested a levy of one, two or three per cent to be charged to customers by those running roofed accommodations.

The suggestion didn't go over well at Wednesday's meeting.

A bed and breakfast operator pointed out that with the recently introduced harmonized sales tax and the rising hydro prices, a levy on customers wasn't going to help business.

She suggested that part of the HST charged by accommodators be directed to the RTOs, rather than asking them to tax customers even more.

Pinestone managing director Frank Vismeg said it was unfair to ask accommodators to charge the tax, while other tourism operators would benefit from the increased revenue.

The Ministry of Finance has suggested a three-per-cent levy in OHTO would raise \$1.1 million annually to fund the work of the tourism organization.

After several audience complaints about the prospect of a levy, Innes said that businesses should wait and see what the OHTO does before deciding whether another three-per-cent tax was worthwhile.

"What we've been doing [up to now] hasn't been working ... as an industry, we need to do things differently," he said.



Richard Innes of Brain Trust spoke at Haliburton's Pinestone Resort Nov. 24 to members of the tourism sector about future plans for Regional Tourism Organization 11, now called Ontario's Highlands. **Jenn Watt** Echo staff

So far, the Highlands have been represented at the OHTO board by county tourism staff Bob Smith and Amy Brohm, but beginning early in 2011, the OHTO will restructure and needs one private industry representative from Haliburton.

Contact the county of Haliburton for information. There are also spots on product development and marketing committees as well as openings on the "champions committee," which oversees the premier-ranked tourism destination framework.

For more information on the OHTO, go to www.ottawavalley.travel. Information is also available by contacting the Haliburton tourism office 1-800-461-7677.

Free clinic response has dentist smiling

Jenn Watt
Editor

They should have been smiling: he was, after all, fixing their children's teeth.

But many parents who brought their kids in to dentist Dr. Bill Kerr couldn't smile comfortably – their teeth were too decayed. And while the Ontario government provides money for children under 17 from low-income families to have dental work done, there is nothing for adults, leaving many to suffer with pain, infection and social anxiety.

"There is the pain and infection and the inability to think or concentrate when you're in pain or when you're fighting an infection ... but there's also a social component to it; if you don't feel that you can smile because people will see your teeth then it definitely has an impact on how you function in society and also your likelihood of being employed," Kerr said.

The necessity of good dental care was what motivated him and Haliburton dental hygienist Lisa Stoughton to travel to Honduras in 2009 and 2010 to help children with basic procedures and it is what ultimately motivated their plan to open a free dental clinic for Haliburton County.

"On our way coming back from Honduras the

first year we were very excited about what we had done: we had helped more than 300 children over there, but we kind of had the feeling that it's lovely going to another country and ... helping out but our own little community is in desperate need of our help as well," Stoughton said of their first discussion in 2009.

"One thing that we really noticed around here [in Haliburton County] were unhealthy smiles or lack of smiles due to lack of dental care and lack of funds for dental care. It's disappointing to see, especially with the way your oral health affects your overall health. We wanted to give people back some dignity as well, to be able to smile again," said Stoughton, who has her own clinic on Highland Street and has been a dental hygienist for 13 years.

"Now it's just a few months away from being a reality, which is wonderful, and that's what we want to do around here – to have it be a community-oriented clinic – and everybody seems to want to jump on board and help out because this is a great community," she said.

It took only a few phone calls and a few contacts made before the entire social justice community rallied around the plan – something Kerr found surprising.

"Our county is just so awesome; people get excited and there are so many people who vol-

unteer and do so many great things in Haliburton County. I probably should have expected it, but I really didn't, so it's really cool to see," he said. Kerr has been a dentist since 1987 and has spent the last five years volunteering at a free clinic in Scarborough as well as practising commercial dentistry and working Fridays at Dr. Ed Smolen's clinic.

Since initially broaching the idea, everyone from contractors to dental workers to business owners have rallied behind Kerr and Stoughton and an incredible amount of work has already been done in creating what will be called the Haliburton County Volunteer Dental Outreach clinic, though the location is yet to be firmed up.

Most recently, Dr. Bill Ryding of the health unit has used his discretionary fund to donate \$5,000 to the clinic and the Haliburton County Development Corporation has added \$2,500 to hire a consultant for a business plan.

Local entrepreneurs Janis Parker and Maarten Steinkamp have both pledged their support, contractors Alex Roome and Jason Reay have agreed to renovate whatever space is found, Patient News Publishing will add their expertise and contacts from the dental industry, Smolen has donated a dental chair with light, cuspidor and dental unit and an X-ray unit, Dr. David

Butera will be donating extra equipment from his dentistry practice and SIRCH has set up a link on their website to donate to the project.

"I can't fund the whole office out of my real office, so basically we need money," Kerr said. He's unsure of how much money is needed at this point. While all staff will be volunteers there are still the expenses of supplies, rent, administration and accommodation.

The social services of the county are also excited about the clinic, and Kerr has been in regular contact with the 4Cs food bank and SIRCH about how to screen appropriately for those in need.

One of the provincial government's 2007 election promises was to provide dental care to low-income adults, but money was directed to children instead.

According to a recent Health Canada report, 17 per cent of Canadians do not go to the dentist because it is too costly. Thirty two per cent do not have dental coverage.

The dental outreach clinic is supposed to be up and running by the spring and will be free of charge for patients. Those interested in donating should contact Kerr or SIRCH: bill_kerr@sympatico.ca or info@sirch.on.ca.

Outgoing Minden Hills councillors say goodbye

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

There was a round of goodbyes and a few cryptic remarks as the outgoing Minden Hills council held its final meeting on Nov. 25.

While Councillor Lisa Schell, Deputy-reeve Cheryl Murdoch and Ward 2 councillor-cum-reeve Barb Reid will be returning next term, councillors Peter Oyler, Rick Ratcliff and Bill Obee did not run in the election.

"Thirty years is a long ride on the bus," said outgoing Councillor-at-large Peter Oyler, referring to his time on Minden Hills council and years before as a councillor in Toronto and thanking the electorate for their support.

Oyler seemed to hint that he may consider running again in four years' time.

"Who knows what's going to happen in four years," he said.

The electoral race had been a close one, he said, and believed it was clear there was division between the permanent and seasonal residents of the township.

"I trust the new council will vote independently on all issues," Oyler said, adding that staff members should always be treated in a fair and equitable manner.

Schell thanked the outgoing councillors and the defeated Reeve Jim McMahon for their service over the years and thanked Oyler in particular for being a mentor to her in her first council term.

"It was a real learning curve," she said. "I will miss each and every one of you at the council table."

Obee said he was looking forward to a "real retirement,"

that councillors should be proud of all they'd accomplished and that he had great expectations for the next four years.

Reid thanked her colleagues for the lessons she learned during her first council term and said she would be carrying those lessons with her when she takes the reeve's chair next week.

"Mostly, I want to thank the people of Minden Hills," said Ratcliff. "Anyone who does service should look at it as an honour."

Murdoch said the outgoing council had accomplished an incredible amount in its four-year term, including the expansion of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre, as well as the Riverwalk and water tower projects.

"You should be very, very proud of what we've accomplished," she said, thanking her outgoing colleagues for their years on council.

"I hope you pray for those of us that are left . . . because we have a lot of work to do," she said.

"I leave this position with my head held high," said McMahon, who lost the election by some 300 votes to Reid,

2,381 to 2,693, in a battle that got heated at times.

McMahon said he was also proud of the many projects the outgoing council had accomplished in its term.

He said it was up to Reid to take the township to the next level.

"You're only as good as what you're staff are," he said. "You don't micromanage."

McMahon spent 22 years in local politics.

"I'll definitely miss it," he said. "I'd be lying if I said I wouldn't."

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Hundreds take in Highlands Festival Singers

The Highlands Festival Singers, who are 60-member-strong group, drew hundreds to their evening and matinee performances this past weekend when they performed Glorious Hallelujahs at the Minden United Church. The singers donated \$1 of each ticket to the food banks of Haliburton County.

Darren Lum Times staff

Rotary cancels Minden summer festival

➤ Club considering other inclusive event options for summer

Darren Lum
Staff reporter

The Rotary Club of Minden is re-evaluating their summer schedule after canceling the Minden Rotary Summer Festival.

Known formerly as the Minden Rotary Summer Carnival for 60 years, the club had made attempts to revitalize the waning event changing the name to address a broader appeal, calling it the Minden Rotary Summer Festival the past two years and including a location change.

Despite the new name and a location change from the fairgrounds to the municipal parking lot, the event lost money and did not draw the numbers the club was hoping for this past summer and has been meeting recently, discussing other options.

Dennis Casey, the Rotary Club of Minden's president for the past four months said, "It was a tough decision."

He adds this was a collective decision made by the club, consistent with all of the club's dealings. It's something he

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We still want the community to know we're here and we're doing things for the community

— Dennis Casey

appreciates.

"We still want the community to know we're here and we're doing things for the community," he said, adding the club has been in a year of introspection, examining everything the club is doing and is involved with in the community.

The club's past-president Joanna Penfold said, "We felt [the event] didn't reflect the philosophy. That it wasn't meeting the needs of the community and that Rotary's philosophy and the community's needs can be furthered in different directions."

The club had considered a new target audience for the festival. However an event that catered to older children was going to require more manpower and operational costs to account for the larger midway rides.

"We just didn't feel we had the bodies to do it right," Casey said.

With just 18 club members, Casey said that kind of strategy would require double that membership base.

Penfold, who lived in Minden during the '70s and '80s, spent several years away and returned in 2005, remembers the carnival as a larger community event that included a town parade.

The club's commitment to their literacy program of giving at least 200 books to the public is expected to continue separately, she said.

The club's special events committee is working on ideas for events to be decided before Christmas. Casey said the public could expect a new event this summer that will be family oriented, possibly a fundraiser, he said.

Penfold points to youth activities such as The Promoters – organized Make it Minden events Jammin' by the Gazebo (hosted by Stan Russell), as something that has many aspects she admires and believes a club event could complement.

"This isn't an obituary. This is the beginning of something different," Penfold said.



Darren Lum Times staff

The weather was perfect, as it was nothing but sunny, blue skies for the annual Santa Claus Parade in Minden on Saturday, Nov. 27.



At left, the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes were one of two bands in the parade. The Flutes are mentoring the other band, the Minden Hills Marching Band, who also were included in the parade.

Santa visits Minden

There were two to three rows deep of children and adults lining the main street of Minden to watch the annual Minden Santa Claus Parade on Saturday, Nov. 27.

With close to 50 floats and two bands (the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes and the Minden Hills Marching Band), the parade started from the township parking lot and made its way through the heart of Minden to the S.G. Nesbitt Arena where children sat with Santa for photos and to give tell him their gift lists.



The Minden Hills Marching Band, who are being mentored by the Haliburton Highlands Silver Flutes, march through Minden.



It was all cheers for the Minden Curling Club contingent as they made their first appearance in the parade.



The spirit of Christmas was evident by the smiling faces of the young children on the Rotary Club float that included outgoing Minden Hills Reeve Jim McMahon.



A cornucopia of fun at Festival of Trees

Left, Caroline McLachlan-Darling, Minden Hills Museum curator, helps a girl make a Victorian era (1860s-1901) cornucopia, which was hung on Christmas trees and filled with nuts and fruits at the Festival of Trees at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Saturday, Nov. 27. The event spanned three days, from Friday to Sunday. It included shopping, children's activities, attractions and assorted decorated trees.

Darren Lum Times staff

Minden Food Bank continues to struggle

Chad Ingram
Staff reporter

As Christmas draws ever nearer, the Minden Food Bank remains in dire need of donations.

In her 17 years as chairwoman of the food bank, Barbara Walford-Davis says she's never seen a season this bad.

"This is the worst year I have ever seen," she told the

Times Monday.

While donations are down from previous years, demand is up – some 210 families, in all – leaving the food bank scrambling to ensure people will have enough to eat.

Walford-Davis said the great majority of those who use the food bank are the working poor; people who work mostly minimum wage jobs and may not have enough money left for food after rent and bills are taken care of.

"There's not too many people around here that are making more than minimum wage," she said.

The disabled, the unemployed, and, increasingly, the elderly are other demographic groups who also use the local service.

The food bank is looking for dry goods such as pasta and flour, canned foods, baby food, cookies, crackers, food paste, as well as female hygiene products, soaps and sham-

poo.

Walford-Davis said canned fruit in particular would be appreciated, since it is too expensive for the bank to purchase itself.

Ads for the food bank have begun airing on Canoe FM and that has helped increase donations a little.

"Everybody is saying, 'We heard you on the radio,'" Walford-Davis said.

Still, the bank still needs all the help it can get.

"This is a very loving and caring community and they look after their people," Walford-Davis said. "We hope they will continue to do so."

The food bank is located at 37 Bobcaygeon Rd. and is open from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mondays and Wednesdays.

Demand at food banks across the country has spiked in 2010.



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Looking

This is Canadian playwright Norm Foster at his classic, comedic best. Val's an operating room nurse, Andy's in the storage business, Nina's a police officer and Matt's a radio morning show host. They're middle-aged, single and, as the name of the play notes, they are all "looking". Val agrees to meet Andy after answering his personal ad in the newspaper. Nina and Matt are coaxed into joining their friends for support. High romance and contagious laughter are the result.

Educating Rita

A young hairdresser and an English literature professor are both frustrated with their lots in life. Rita believes that going back to school will provide the stimulus for change. The professor, meanwhile, finds solace in the bottle. When their paths cross, the transformation they are both looking for arrives in a variety of surprising ways. A comedy by Willy Russell, this stage play was turned into a popular movie featuring Michael Caine and Julie Walters.

Joan of Montreal

In this one woman show, a young girl recounts her love for Canada's national sport, hockey and then the frustrations encountered as she tries to become part of the game. Brigitte Gall will reprise the role of Joan in this Gemini Award winning script that she also co-wrote with Arlene Bishop, Blair Packham, and David Mackenzie. The television production of *Joan of Montreal* won a Gemini Award in 2000. You can see *Joan of Montreal* Friday, July 22 and Monday August 8.

Archibald and Regina

David Archibald is back on the Highlands Summer Festival stage with his unique brand of music and relaxed acoustic presentation. This time he is sharing the stage with Highlands Summer Festival veteran Jocelyn Regina actress, singer and song-writer. This pairing will be a delightful combination of youthful exuberance and experience brought together by outstanding shared musical talent. The concert will include many of their own compositions. Concert appearances are scheduled for Monday, July 11, Friday, July 29 and Monday, August 1.

Opera, Opera Opera

The participants in the Highlands Opera Studio present some of the best loved works from the world of opera. Hear solos, duets and ensemble selections from famous operas from around the world. A different program for each of the concerts. Three Concerts, Friday, August 12 at the Minden United Church, and Thursday and Friday, August 18 and 19 in Haliburton.

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by Gian Carlo Menotti:

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Falstaff

by Giuseppe Verdi

The season comes to a grand finale with four performances of the Verdi opera *Falstaff*. Based on Shakespeare's *Merry Wives of Windsor* and *Henry IV*, *Falstaff* was only one of two comedies written by Verdi. It was also his last. One reviewer noted: *Falstaff* has long been an admired favourite with critics and musicians because of its brilliant orchestration, scintillating libretto and refined melodic invention. It is in the standard repertoire of many opera companies. Four performances: Friday, August 26, a matinee on Sunday, August 28, Tuesday, August 30 and Thursday, September 1.



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Patterson's service recognized

Lorne Patterson, centre, a member of the county's roads department, was given an award for 20 years of service by Warden Dave Burton, left, and roads superintendent Doug Ray at a county council meeting on Nov. 24.
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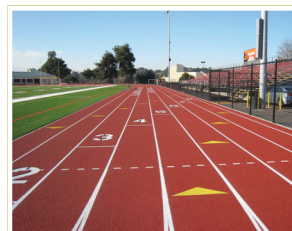
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Point in Time staff received special training in mental health issues Nov. 24 and 25.
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Working together for kids' mental health

Dr. John Lyons, professor and endowed chairman of child and youth mental health research at the University of Ottawa and the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario, spent two days, Nov. 24 to 25, training staff from a number of local organizations who serve children and youth in Haliburton County. Participants from Haliburton-Kawartha Children's Aid society, Trillium Lakelands District School Board, Adult Mental Health, Ontario Early Years Centre, SIRCH, Children's Services Council, Ministry of Children and Youth Services staff and Point in Time learned about leading edge and evidence-based practices for working with children and youth with mental health issues.

Lyons has written six books and more than 200 articles. The techniques that he has developed including outcome strategies are being used across six continents. As part of his research and ongoing work he has reviewed more than 20,000 case files across North America. Marg Cox, executive director of the lead agency for this project - Point in Time Centre for Children Youth and Parents - commented "John is a world-renowned expert in the field of children and youth men-

tal health. We are very lucky to have access to his knowledge and expertise as part of the Working Together for Kids' Mental Health Project. He is training us on tools to help reach children and youth with mental health issues sooner and with proven accuracy. He is also sharing with us the best ways of matching help to the issue at hand."

Haliburton is one four areas in the province selected for the implementation of Working Together for Kids' Mental Health. With one in five children or youth experiencing mental health challenges, there is a great need for service providers to work closely together. Over a two-year period the project will use focus groups, interviews, discussions and questionnaires to obtain the perspectives of all participants in the system, including youth and parents. The regional office of the Ministry of Children and Youth Services will work with Point in Time and local planning groups to support and manage the collection of information. The Haliburton project will then be used to inform provincial decisions and future changes to the system.

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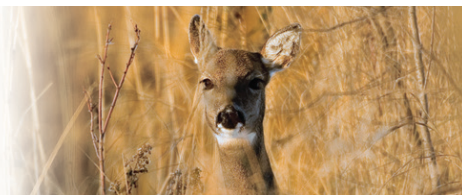
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Haliburton County Outdoors

by Steve Galea



Hunting the big water

Less than an hour into our hunt, we had taken 10 mallards and five greenwing teal – not bad for three hunters pitted against some of the spookiest ducks I've ever encountered.

But just three birds shy of our combined daily limits, we called it quits. Though the temptation to reach our limit was great, the whitecaps, current and wind had defeated the brawny Chesapeake Bay retriever that we counted on to bring back our birds. So the next hour was spent warming the dog, feeding it every bit of food in the blind and collecting decoys.

Hunting late season ducks on big water is exciting and rewarding. After all, the migration is in full swing and the birds are concentrated. On that hunt alone, which took place on Georgian Bay, I identified 10 species of ducks (mallards, blacks, greenwing teal, pintails, canvasbacks, scaup, bufflehead, goldeneye, hooded and common mergansers) as well as Canada geese and trumpeter swans. The flocks were big and they had been heavily hunted so the challenge was great in terms of calling, decoy

placement and camouflage. But the shooting, when it happened, was some of the finest of the year. That's the draw of a late season hunt.

Forget all that though. The rough water, 40 click winds and frigid temperatures are the real story. These, after all, are the things that every duck hunter needs to consider carefully before heading out.

It's a little known and sad fact, but statistics show that duck hunting is the most dangerous of North America's hunting sports. This has nothing to do with the shooting, however, and everything to do with the rough conditions waterfowlers find themselves in at times like this. If you're not prepared, things can go bad fast.

On that hunt, we were about two miles out in the bay in a 20-foot boat blind with all the right gear. Even so, as we made the run out in the dark, each of us donned personal flotation devices and had agreed that the moment conditions got to be questionable, we'd head back to more sheltered waters. No duck, we reasoned, was worth a person or dog dying.

Crossing one open part of the bay, we hit a couple of whitecaps head on and immediately put three inches of frigid water in the bottom of the boat. Fortunately, we adjusted our speed and approach and made it to our set up location and put out 50 or so decoys. As the sunrise blushed red, we watched hundreds of birds circle the little cattail flat and pitch in to our spread.

So what is it you need to hunt these places late in the season? If you have the right boat, a reliable engine, warm, water-resistant clothes including good gloves and a balaclava, that's a good start. But experience on the waters you are hunting and sound judgment are even more important. Watch the weather; know your limitations; take no risks. And, above all, remember, that getting there is easy. Making the call to leave, especially when the ducks are flying, is the hardest part.

In hindsight, we made the right decision.



Steve Galea had a successful duck hunt, but notes once bad weather hit, he and his hunting party packed it up.



Darren Lum Times staff

Highs and lows

Bowlers, left, Wanda Byers and Max Ward show their emotions during the Community Care Haliburton County Christmas Bowling Party hosted by The Fast Lane Entertainment Centre in Minden on Saturday, Nov. 27. There were 60 bowlers, ranging in ages from seven to 81, that helped to raise more than \$3,000 for the inaugural event.



Community Care Haliburton County's Donna MacDonald, executive director, bowls at The Fast Lanes.



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The Canadian Renewable Fuel Association (CRFA) was founded in 1984, well before renewable fuels were on the minds of many besides the most dedicated environmentalists.

"It originated with Ontario corn farmers," says CRFA president Gordon Quaiattini. "We were looking for multiple uses for feed stock. The industry really got its roots within agriculture." The most significant amount of development, he notes, has happened in the last 10 years, but the original agenda hasn't much changed – the sector is still looking for a way to diversify market opportunities.

Thanks to innovations in crop science – drought-resistant, pest-resistant seeds that require less fertilizer and less pesticides – growers are harvesting an average of 150 to 170 bushels an acre, where a decade ago they may have harvested 70. In the next 10 years, Quaiattini expects that number to jump to 300. Science has effectively, then, offered an opportunity for farmers to actually make a living from what they grow. It has also rendered moot the argument of not burning food for fuel.

Quaiattini says we've got a two-billion-bushel surplus of corn, even after food, feed and oil, and that it was commodities speculators following the U.S. real estate implosion that falsely drove up prices, not demand.

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One of the most exciting things I learned: Enerchem, a Quebec-based company, broke ground at the end of August, 2010, on a commercial scale municipal waste ethanol plant

in Edmonton. I'll admit to not even knowing it was actually possible to turn trash into fuel – I thought ethanol had to come from grain alcohol.

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By 2030, Quaiattini says global demand for energy will increase by 40 per cent, and supplying that demand is going to come from various sources. "There is space for all technologies," he says, "but renewable fuels are the most viable alternative."

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The tournament featured excellent fast-paced hockey as all eight teams competed on Saturday to advance to the finals which were played on Sunday.

The Sunday games were based on each team's results in the Saturday games. Acton captured the D final, Stirling defeated Campbellford in a thrilling overtime game to win the C final and the York Mills Rangers defeated Bracebridge to capture the B crown. The A Championship featured Central Hastings against the host Highland Storm. Both teams had advanced to the final based on their three wins in their Saturday matchups.

The Peppermill Boys opened the tournament with a tough 2-1 victory over a very experienced Toronto-based team. After yielding an early goal, the Haliburton County boys stormed back with two quick goals. Benn MacNaull and Zach Morissette provided the

scoring but the game rested in the hands of the defensive corps featuring goaltender Nigel Smith and anchored by the stellar play of James Alexander, Isaac Little, Ethan Glecoff and Ryan Hall who time and again thwarted the York Mills attack especially in the third period as they killed off back to back penalties to seal the win.

In their second game against the Campbellford Flames the offense turned into high gear. Alex Little led the attack scoring his first of four goals in the first period scoring a nifty goal set up by Isaac Little and Mikki Bukta. Tyson Clements and Benn MacNaull set Little up for his second goal and Paul Turner was rewarded for his strong forechecking, banging home a goal after defenseman Ryan Hall had pinched down hard to keep the puck alive. Tyson Clements scored the next goal and set up Little's hat trick marker. Little finished off the scoring with his fourth goal. In their final match the Storm defeated Gravenhurst 5-2. Defenseman Ethan Glecoff joined the scoring alongside Little, Morissette, Turner and MacNaull to send the team to the championship final.

The final was a fast paced game against a

Central Hastings team which has lost only two games all season. The game was tied 1-1 after the first period, Alex Little having scored the Storm goal. Each team pressed hard in the second period. Central Hastings persistence was rewarded with a fortunate bounce and they scored late in the second period to take the lead. Nigel Smith was Price like between the pipes making several brilliant saves in spite allowing three late goals which gave the Hastings squad a well-deserved victory. The Storm team held their heads high having played their hearts out, bowing graciously to the best team on that particular day.

Walt McKechnie presented the trophies to both teams congratulating all players for their play and sportsmanship. The tournament committee would like to thank all of the tournament sponsors for the ice time, V&S Department Store for the tremendous prize table, Matt Duchene for the autographed Avalanche jersey and Wade MacInnes for all of his organizational skills in setting up what proved to be a tremendous two days of old time hockey. Next action for the Peppermill Novice Boys will be at the Silver Stick in

Wasaga Beach.

-Submitted by Paul Morissette

Peewee AEs undaunted by big ice

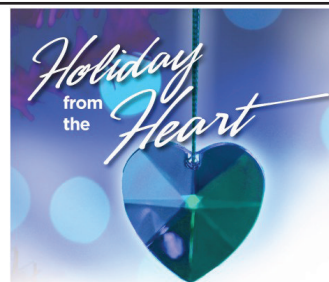
Before I tell you about our games this past weekend I have to mention that I forgot in the article last week to say that the boys came home as B Champions from the Campbellford Tournament.

This weekend's games were both away games against two of our tougher opponents. Saturday saw the team head to Huntsville for a game against the Otters in the Olympic-sized rink in the new complex built for the G8.

Undaunted by the big ice the boys headed out to play some hockey. They came home with a win of 2-1 against Huntsville. Goals going to Ethan Cooper and Drew van Lieshout, assists to Regan Casey, Alex Wilbee, Tim Burgess and Ethan Cooper.

Sunday saw everyone heading to Sundridge for a game against the Almaguin Dev-

see PEEWEE AE page 23



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Atom A celebrate after winning spot in the Silver Stick tourney. /Photo submitted

Peewee AE win 4-2

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ils. This proved to be good game with Ethan Cooper continuing his busy weekend. Going out against the Devils again, the Storm's boys were working for a win. Ethan Cooper saw two goals this game, along with Mac Rider and Alex Wilbee making it a 4-2 win for the Storm. Assists go to Drew van Lieshout, Max MacNaull and Greg Crofts. The Highland Storm Peewee AEs are the only team so far to defeat Almaguin, Parry Sound tied them.

With these two wins this weekend it keeps Randy's Tree Care and Landscaping Peewee AEs in first place in their division for the present time.

Please come out and cheer on our boys this weekend (Dec. 4 and 5) in The regional Silver Stick. The Peewee AEs are in Minden on Saturday with games starting at 8 a.m. through to 7 p.m. There is no gate fee for the games. There are seven other teams - Napanee Stars, Thorold Blackhawks, Huntsville Otters, Parry Sound Shamrocks, Prince Edward County Kings, Ennis-more Eagles, and the Port Perry Predators. Each team plays three games Saturday accumulating points for wins/goals to move on to play in the semi-finals and hopefully finals on Sunday in Haliburton.

-Submitted by Karena Crofts

Silver Stick this weekend

Be sure to come and cheer on the Atom AE boys the weekend of Dec. 5 and 6 as they host the Regional Silver Stick Tournament. Not only do you have the chance to see some great hockey but you could also win four tickets to see Canada in the World Junior Hockey Tournament, a pair of Toronto Maple Leaf tickets, a Sydney Crosby Team Canada jersey and many more great prizes!

First game for the Storm is at 10 a.m. Go, Storm, go!

-Submitted by Jon Petrie

Highland Storm Atom A are finalists in Silver Stick

Congratulations to the Highland Storm Atom A team! Their excellent efforts and hard work took them into the finals at the Silver Stick tournament in Wasaga Beach on Nov. 27/28. It was so close! The Storm started out strong on Saturday against the Wasaga Stars with a 10-0 win! A well deserved shut-out for the team and for Josh Bellefleur!! The team continued to push with another 6-4 win against the Schomberg Red Wings. Next, was a nail-biter against the Elmvalle Coyotes. The equally skilled teams worked hard but the Storm took the game 1-0. With three wins in our pocket, we were up against Schomberg once again. It was an exciting final game. The Storm team played really well but it all ended with a 4-2 loss. All boys received a trophy, returned with a banner and a great experience.

The regular season continues this weekend against Bracebridge. Join us at 7 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 3 in Haliburton and at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, Dec. 5 in Minden to cheer on the Highland Storm Atom A team.

The Highland Storm Atom A team is proudly sponsored by Dollo's Foodland.

-Submitted by Suzanne Haedicke

Bantam C ladies still undefeated

The Minden Car Quest Bantam C Highland Storm girls had a great weekend of play. They were able to refocus their team play after a tough tourney in Kanata the previous

weekend. The team's play this weekend kept their undefeated streak in tact.

On Friday night, the team hosted Port Hope for their first on ice meeting this season. The ladies' basic game plan was back in action. Maddie Billings was her stellar self again on the blue line but also had an outstanding offensive night, sniping a natural hat trick. Erin Little had the other marker in the 4-0 victory over the Port Hope Polar Bears.

Connor Marsden rose to the occasion as well, recording her seventh shut-out of the season.

On Saturday afternoon, the Highland Storm girls travelled to take on the Lindsay Lynx. With the game tied at 1-1 early in the first, the ladies grinded out another strong on ice effort to push their record to 10-0-2.

Kelsey Maracle and Erin Little had three-point games recording two goals and an assist each in the 5-1 win. Nicole Black had the other tally.

On Sunday night, the Comets from Cold Creek arrived and put the Storm girls to task. Connor Marsden kept the Comets off the scoreboard with her eighth shutout in the 1-0 barnburner win. Nicole Black found the back of the net early in the first, which proved to be the game winner.

The Minden Car Quest Bantam C Highland Storm girls will put their undefeated record on the line again Sunday, Dec. 5 when they host Port Hope again in Minden at 4 p.m. Stay focused ladies!

-Submitted by Dan Marsden

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"Having a baby can be overwhelming as newborns do not come with an owner's manual," says Tracey Westlake, a family health nurse with the HKPR District Health Unit. "The prenatal classes can help new parents plan for the healthiest pregnancy possible, and provide them with information to cope with the many changes and unknowns that come with having a baby."

A series of four prenatal classes led by a family health nurse will help future parents learn more about labour and delivery, infant care and safety, infant nutrition and adjusting to parenthood. Pregnant women are encouraged to bring a partner or coach to the class. They will also receive a free copy of the *Healthy Beginnings* pregnancy guidebook.

"Having expectant parents come together and share their experiences adds to the dynamic of the class," Westlake adds. "There is a sense of camaraderie that develops among people, knowing they are not alone in preparing for a new baby."

Expectant parents who contact the health unit about the prenatal classes can also access other services and programs that support a healthy pregnancy, including nutritional information, support to quit smoking, advice on staying active and much more. Studies show a healthy pregnancy is important for a baby's growth and well-being later in life.

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Notice



NOTICE OF THE PASSING OF A ZONING BY-LAW AMENDMENT (By-law - 10-89)

(File :RZ-10-09(P)RUSSELL: Ronald Sinclair

(Part of Lot 20, Concession 13, geographic Township of Minden)

TAKE NOTICE that the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills passed By-law No. 10-89 on the 25th day of November, 2010 under Section 34 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990.

AND TAKE NOTICE any person or agency may appeal a by-law to the Ontario Municipal Board by filing with the Clerk of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills not later than the 21st day of December, 2010, a Notice of Appeal setting out the objection to the by-law and the reasons in support of the objection, accompanied by a fee of \$125.00, made payable to the Minister of Finance, as prescribed under the Ontario Municipal Board Act.

An explanation of the purpose and effect of the by-law, describing the lands to which the by-law applies, and a key map showing the location of the lands to which the by-law applies, are attached. The complete by-law is available for inspection in my office during regular office hours.

DATED at the Township of Minden this 1st day of December, 2010.

(Ms) Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST

Planning Administrator

NOTE: Only individuals, corporations and public bodies may appeal a Zoning By-law to the Ontario Municipal Board. A Notice of Appeal may not be filed by an unincorporated association or group. However, a Notice of Appeal may be filed in the name of an individual who is a member of the association or the group.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Township of Minden Hills before the by-law is passed:

- the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the Township of Minden Hills Council to the Ontario Municipal Board; and
- the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

EXPLANATORY NOTE THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MINDEN HILLS BY-LAW NO. 10-89

Being a By-law under the provisions of Sections 24(2) and 36 of the Planning Act, R.S.O. 1990, as amended, to amend the Township of Minden Hills Zoning By-law 06-10, with respect to a parcel of land at Part of Lot 20, Concession 13, in the geographic Township of Minden.

By-law No. 10-89 amends Schedule "8" of Zoning By-law 06-10, as amended, as it pertains to those lands described above, by rezoning the lands from the Rural (RU) Zone to the Rural Residential (RR) Zone as described in Paragraphs 1 and 2 of the By-law.

This By-law will be in conformance with the Official Plan of the Township of Minden Hills.



Santa hits the lanes

Andy Lennox Special to the Times

Santa Claus himself stopped by the Minden Fast Lane on Saturday to bowl in the Community Care bowlathon following his parade.



Ruth Lynch sent in this photo, taken at Dorset's Christmas tree-lighting ceremony on Sunday.

Canadian roll call

by Pam Rolfe

President, Minden W.I.

The Minden WI met at the home of Rita Baird on Nov. 20 with 11 members and one guest present.

The roll call was "Name a Canadian town or city and it's main industry" the members responded well and had obviously done some research and named locations across the country. Marmora for gold early in the last century, the Belleville area for dairy farming and cheese. One member had a family monument business in Newmarket which is now continued on by her son, Estevan for Potash, two members named Minden for tourism, Hamilton for steel, Pierreville for fire trucks and equipment, Ottawa for the government of the country, tourism and for the fine stone buildings built by Scottish stonemasons, Niagara-on-the-Lake for Tourism and also wine making, Whitehorse in the Yukon for mining and also the beauty of the town, where they have facilities for the inhabitants, from the cradle to the grave.

The president reported on the health of Bea Berry, as she has been in Haliburton hospital and Peterborough for surgery to repair a severely broken ankle and foot.

Del gave her report on current events of the last two months, and Karin conducted a quiz on the safe-keeping of fresh and frozen food.

Grace was sung and lunch served by Rita, Karin and Clara.

Please inform Del if you will be able to prepare for and attend the potluck luncheon which will be held at the Minden United Church at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 8.

Items were brought in for the Minden Food Bank and Karin will deliver them to the food bank as soon as possible.

NOTICE



NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 34(1) of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 2001, S.O. 2001 c.25 as amended, that the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills proposes to consider, and if deemed advisable, to pass at its regular meeting to be held in the Municipal Council Chambers on Milne Street, Minden, Ontario, on THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2010 at the hour of 9:00 a.m., by-laws to stop up, close and convey those parcels of land more particularly described as follows:-

1. File No. 10-06

Applicant - **McWILLIAMS**

Part of the original shore road allowance along the shore of Gull River, lying in front of Lot 6, Concession 14, geographic Township of Lutterworth, designated as Part 2 on a Plan of Survey 19R-9219, registered November 9, 2010.

The above noted plans of survey are available for inspection in the Building and Planning Department located at 7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario during regular office hours.

AND FURTHER TAKE NOTICE that before passing the said by-laws at the meeting to be held at the time and place above-mentioned, the Council shall then and there, hear in person or by his or her counsel, solicitor or agent, any person who claims that his or her land will be prejudicially affected by the said by-laws and who applies to be heard.

DATED AT THE Township of Minden Hills, this 24th day of November, 2010.

Elinor Kernohan, AMCT, CMM, ACST
Planning Administrator

Notices



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION FOR PLAN OF CONDOMINIUM AND NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 51 of the *Planning Act*, as amended, and Ontario Regulation 544/06, as amended, that the following Application for Plan of Condominium has been submitted to the County of Haliburton, the approval authority in these matters.

TAKE NOTICE: The Council of the County of Haliburton will hold a public meeting on **Wednesday January 26, 2011 at 9:30 a.m.** in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario to hear comments on the proposed plans of condominium.

1. File No. 46-T-10002

Applicant: THREEBROOKS ESTATES INC.

Location of the Property: Part of Lot 5, Concession 13

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Nature of the Application: Plan of Standard Condominium

Purpose and Effect: The application proposes to create a standard condominium. The proposed development will consist of twelve single detached seasonal units and one block for services including internal roads and communal water and sewage treatment. Access to the site is from Hamilton Road.

ANY PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed plan of condominium.

WRITTEN SUBMISSIONS in respect of the proposed plan of condominium are to be filed with the County of Haliburton, Planning Department, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY does not make oral submissions at a public meeting, if one is held, or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton in respect of the proposed plan of condominium before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of condominium, the person or public body is not entitled to appeal the decision of the County of Haliburton to the Ontario Municipal Board.

If a person or public body does not make oral submissions at a public meeting if one is held, or make written submissions to the County of Haliburton in respect of the proposed plan of condominium before the approval authority gives or refuses to give approval to the draft plan of condominium, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Ontario Municipal Board unless, in the opinion of the Board, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

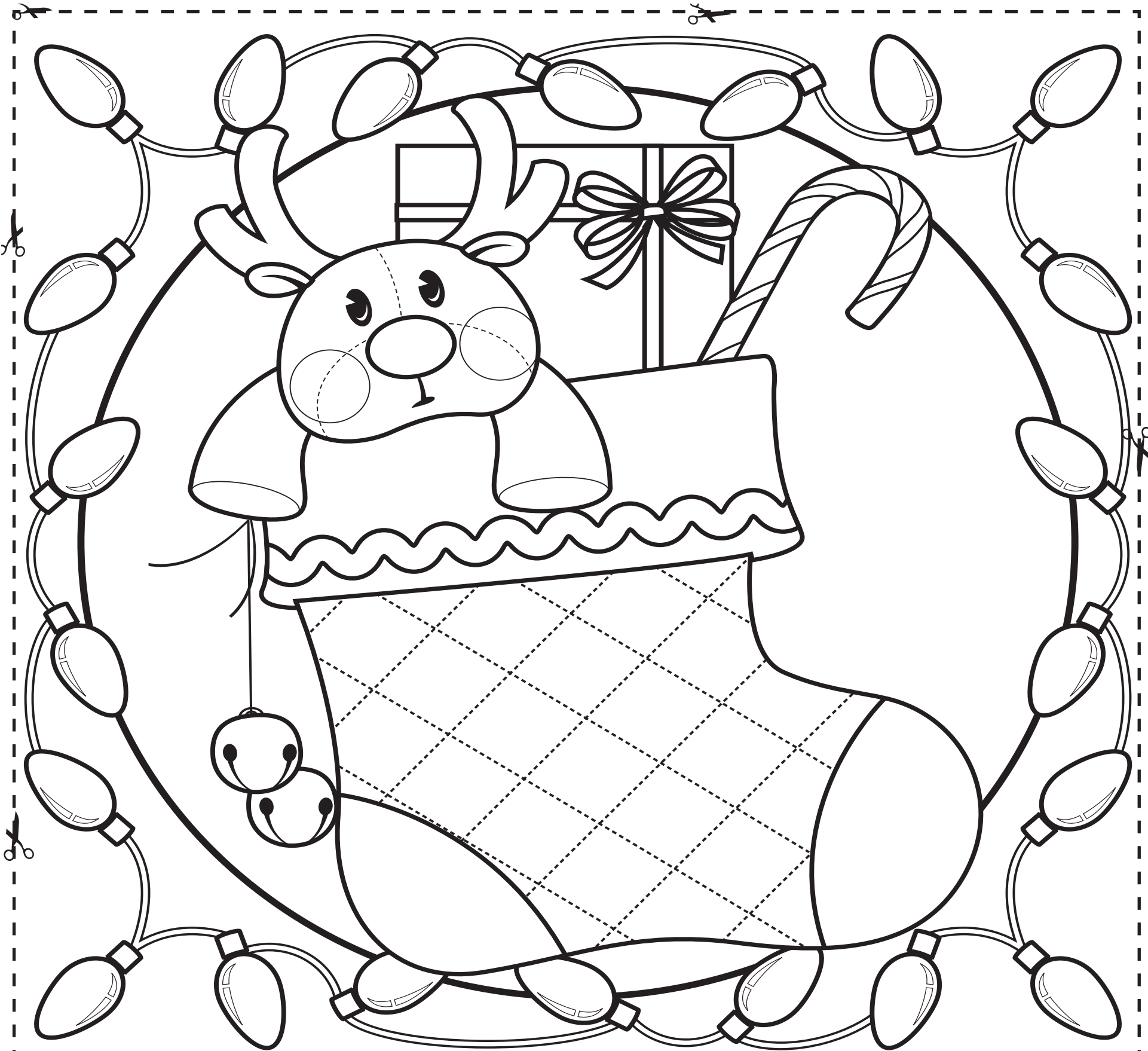
REQUESTING NOTICE OF DECISION: A decision will be made by the Council of County of Haliburton once the review of the proposal has been completed. If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Council of the County of Haliburton in respect of the proposed plan of condominium, you must make a written request to the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, P. O. Box 399, 11 Newcastle St., Minden, ON K0M 2K0.

OTHER RELATED APPLICATIONS: The subject lands are also the subject of an Official Plan Amendment to the Official Plan for the Township of Minden Hills and an amendment to the comprehensive Zoning By-law for the Township of Minden Hills.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Additional information regarding this Application for Plan of Condominium is available for public inspection at the Planning Department, County of Haliburton, by *appointment* during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Dated at the Township of Minden this 1st day of December, 2010.

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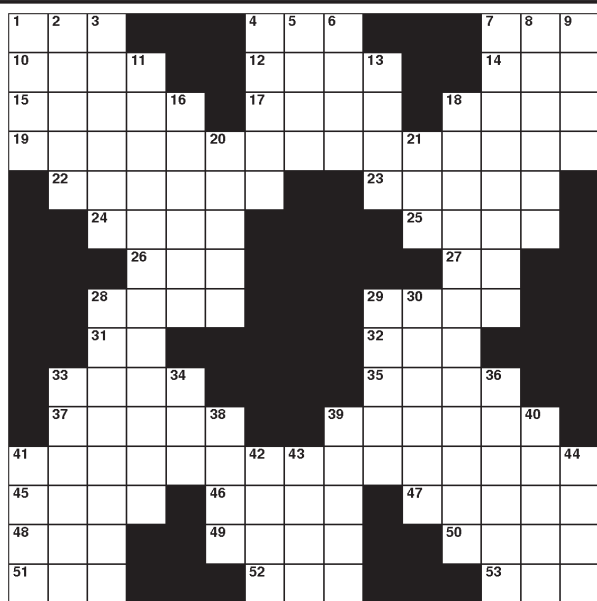
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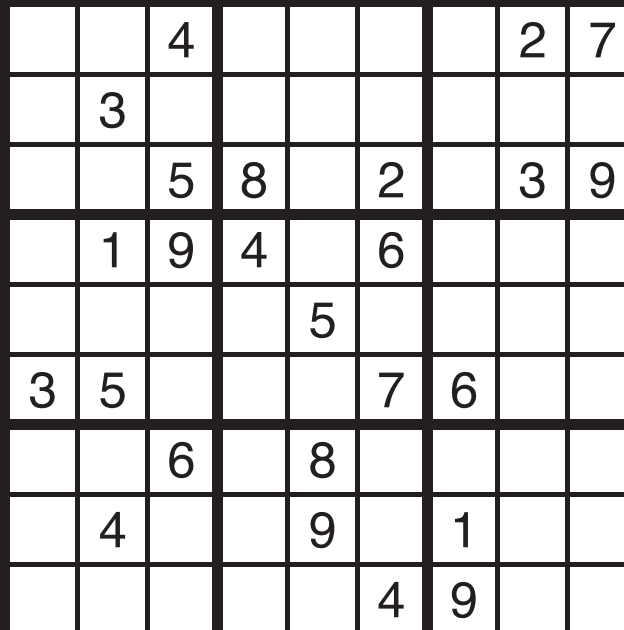
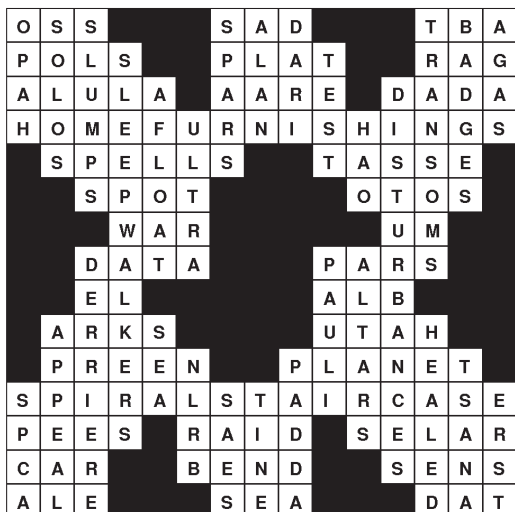
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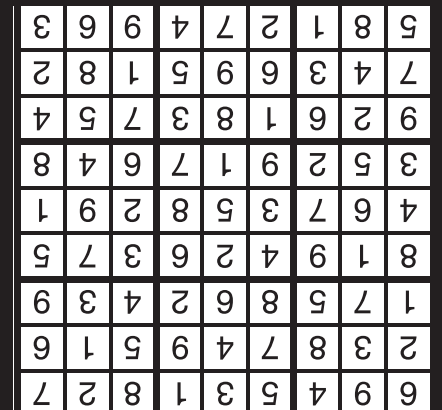
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Around the Town

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I enjoy writing this weekly column. Courtesy of the *Times* it allows for some boasting about family and sharing adventures here at the old farmhouse which I'm sure many readers have in common. Last issue featured granddaughter Emma's latest theatrical accomplishment while this week finds her with mom and dad on a cruise through the Holy Land. Of the daily emails gratefully received our favourite is from the visit to Ephesus, Turkey where the trio explored the excavations of that ancient city now 30 percent recovered. Emma, with her tall stature, golden hair and sparkling smile, has apparently created a buzz both on and off the ship. Dear daughter-in-law Rita reports and I quote "our shopping experience was limited in Turkey as we kept being offered camels for Emma. So we decided to leave before we started to consider some of these offers seriously." How many camels for an Emma? As the TV commercial says to us she is priceless.

What a busy weekend ahead as Christmas in the Village is celebrated from Dec. 2 to Dec. 4 here in Kinmount. This year new events will welcome in the holiday season and while there will not be a Santa Claus Parade many traditions continue. Thursday our village will celebrate Lights Across Canada uniting in goodwill with other towns all across our country. Come to the Railway Station at 6:30 pm and stay warm with hot chocolate or cider by the bonfire as the tree is lit, carols are sung and Santa provides great free photo-ops. Be sure to bring along your answers to the 12 Questions of Christmas in the Village contest as listed on Page 3 of the December *Kinmount Gazette* and enter the gift basket draw.

On Friday, Dec. 3 at 7:30 p.m. the Kinmount Community

Centre will be filled with the music of the Haliburton Highlands Youth Choir. There will also be delicious desserts and a lively toonie auction with seasonal theme prizes up for bids. Tickets are \$10 at the door with advance tickets available by calling 488-2635.

Saturday, Dec. 4 is fun-filled. Have a pancake breakfast with Santa at the Community Centre from 8 to 10:30 a.m. then it's crafts and activities there for the kids. Outdoors there will be horse-drawn wagon rides courtesy of Mash Hill Carriages, pony rides at the Railway Station, carolers, clowns and Sparky the Fire Dog on Main Street and specials offered at many businesses while at the library there will be Christmas stories and activities from 10 to 11 a.m. Drop your letter to Santa in the special delivery box at the post office then meet Santa there at 2 p.m. and follow him to the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 for a visit, free family lunch and a gift for kids 10 years and under. While at the Community Centre be sure to visit downstairs at the Kinmount Artisans Guild where there will be a surprise for the kids.

Everyone is invited to the Kinmount Legion Branch 441 on Sunday, Dec. 5 from 1 to 5 p.m. for a swinging Country Music Jamboree featuring The Country Hot Flashes and The Cold Shoulders. Share your talent at the open mike and enjoy old-fashioned square dancing as well. Admission at the door is \$5 with dinner available at 5 p.m. at reasonable cost. For more information on Legion happenings give Tracy a call at 488-2810 or the branch at 488-3462.

For those busy days why not support the Kinmount and District Lions Club while serving delicious treats to family and friends. Purchase your fruit cakes and other favourites at a variety of local businesses, the health centre, Dave at Taylor's Garage or by calling Vic at 488-3053. To brighten a child or teenager's Christmas the Lions Club's Angel Trees are up and ready to receive your donation of a new, unwrapped toy at the post office, the Health Centre, Gateway Variety and Shop 'N' Save. Non-perishable food items can also be put under the trees or taken to the Legion Branch 441 at 11 County Road 503 for area families in need.

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Building a strong foundation

Rick Johnson

MPP, Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock

Affordable housing provides the foundation for Ontarians to build a strong future for their families and their communities.

That is why, since 2003 the McGuinty government has made record investments to build and repair affordable homes, provide rent support and prevent evictions. Our housing initiatives are helping hundreds of thousands of Ontarians by ensuring they have a place to call home.

Under our government, the Province got back into the affordable housing business. Despite subsequent global economic challenges, we have stayed the course with our funding levels, and that speaks to our commitment to people who need affordable housing.

But providing funding is not enough. We need an affordable housing system that maximizes these investments to support those who need it most.

We consulted with Ontarians and heard how housing programs are too complicated with unnecessary restrictions. We heard that the current system is outdated, discouraging and creates barriers for people in need, and that housing resources aren't used as effectively as they should be.

We heard that we need to put people first and provide municipalities with more flexibility to find local solutions to local needs. We heard and we listened, and the end result is our new strategy entitled Building Foundations: Building Futures – Ontario's new Long-Term Affordable Housing Strategy.

Our new strategy is flexible, taking into account the unique needs of people in different communities. Instead

of a one-size-fits-all approach, housing resources will be tailored to meet the specific housing needs of Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, which may be different than in other parts of Ontario.

For example, funding that is currently only available for emergency shelter beds could instead be used to provide a person with more stable housing, if it was a better way to meet community needs. The new, flexible approach would also mean that some of the funds could be used to provide additional supports that might further help someone in need.

The long-term strategy also proposes to give tenants with low-incomes new opportunities to save money, helping them to pursue education, become more self-sufficient and build a better future.

People in Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock want to know that their tax dollars are getting results. Our housing strategy would establish clear roles and responsibilities for delivering housing services, and closely measure progress in local communities and across the province. Both the province and municipalities would provide annual public reports and updates, to ensure the strategy is on the right track.

The future of housing depends on adequate, sustained funding. Current federal government funding for affordable housing is either short-term or declining. Because it is our historic partner in providing affordable housing, Ontario urges the federal government to commit to flexible, long-term funding. This is integral to the success of affordable housing in our province.

The long-term strategy builds on the McGuinty government's significant investments in affordable housing, and will deliver even better results for Ontarians. Through this strategy, we are building a strong foundation for our communities and a better future for our families.

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• **Celebrate Recovery Meeting** is for everyone with hurts, habits and hang ups. Lakeside Baptist Church (9 Park Street) every Monday at 7pm. Call 457-2851

• **Parkinson's Support Group.** If you or a loved one is living with Parkinson's we'd love to have you join our support group. Meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month at the Haliburton United Church on Pine Street in Haliburton from 1:30 to 3:30. For more info contact Janet Bottum or Barb Fraser at the Haliburton Highlands Family Health Team 4-705-455-9220

• **Bereavement Group** : Minden United Church offers help to anyone who has suffered a recent loss and feels overwhelmed or helpless and alone. If this is you or if you know some one in need of help please call Donna at 286-1237 or Nancy at 286-1305.

• **Y's Archie Gently Used Boutique is open!** Located inside Archie Stouffer Elementary School in Minden, this Boutique is priced right, with all items less than \$3! Shop Thursdays and Fridays noon-5. Interested in volunteering? Call Sarah, Resource Development Coordinator, YWCA Haliburton County at 286-1760 ext. 28 to get involved.

• **Zechariah 4:6 Ministries Inc./ Jericho Centre** will be holding a charitable fundraiser, wrapping Christmas gifts at V&S Haliburton in the front entrance every Friday 11am - 7pm and Saturday 10am - 5:00pm in December from Dec. 3 until the 24. Come and help us as we help you.

• **December 3rd : Night of Talent** at West Guilford Community Center. Program includes Algonquin Brass vocal and instrumental solos. Starts at 7:30pm, admission is by donation at the door. Refreshments after. Proceeds go to Pakistan flood Victims.

• **December 4th : Goddess Xmas Extravaganza** from 10 am to 2pm at the Haliburton Dance Arts (the old pump shop building) Take advantage of 30 min classes, christmas shop for gift certificates, jewellery,yoga props etc. Refreshments available from 212. Cost is \$20 for entire day. All proceeds will go to Food for Kids and the Food Bank.Call today to book your treatment time Heather Mancuso 705-935-8811 or email shaktiyoga16@gmail.com

• **December 4th : Cookie Walk** Haliburton United Church from 10 am to 2 pm. Pick up a selection of Christmas cookies at \$4.50 a dozen. Bring your own containers.

• **December 6th: YWCA Peterborough, Victoria & Haliburton presents the 2nd Annual Guardian Angel Awards** honouring women who have made a positive difference in the lives of women in Haliburton County. There will also be a discussion panel, special music by OutLoud Womyn's Voices and complementary light lunch provided by McKecks. Great Hall-Fleming College, Haliburton 12-1. Everyone Welcome!

• **December 8th : Haliburton Highlands Quilt Guild Xmas Pot luck Luncheon.** St.Georges Anglican Church, Mountain Street. Don't forget forget your plate, cup and cutlery, also a wrapped gift \$10 limit. Every one Welcome. Call Sharon for more info 286-1531

• **December 10th : Christmas Luncheon** at the Wilberforce Legion from noon til 2 pm. Community Care Haliburton County will be hosting a Delicious Turkey Dinner, Dessert, Tea/Coffee. \$15 per person. Call 457-2941 to order your tickets. Tickets only available til Dec 2 . We would love you to join us.

• **December 16th : Christmas Luncheon** at Minden Legion from noon til 2 pm. Community Care Haliburton County will be hosting a Delicious Turkey Dinner, Dessert, Tea/Coffee. \$15 per person. Call 457-2941 to order your tickets. Tickets only available til Dec 9 . We would love you to join us.

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Please submit events by the Thursday prior to the requested publication date.

NOTE: This calendar is not a comprehensive listing of all events taking place in the area. Please check the classified pages, display advertising and articles appearing elsewhere in the Echo for more information on events in the Highlands. For more Ongoing Community Events please see the Weekender.

Leave on a light for the Salvation Army toy drive



Melissa Alfano
Dorset News

705-766-0076
melalfano@hotmail.com

Please leave a porch light on or signal by flashing a light on Wednesday, Dec. 1 to let volunteers know you have a donation for the annual food and toy drive for the Salvation Army.

If you are unsure that you are on the route and have donations, please contact Barb Townes at 766-2108 or Clint MacKay at 766-2249. Vehicles will be identified by four way flashing lights.

New unwrapped toys are welcome as are items for young teens and babies. All non-perishable food items such as Kraft Dinner, macaroni or spaghetti, peanut butter, canned soups make good donations for the drive.

Contributions can also be dropped off at the Algonquin Highlands Township office in Dorset, Dorset TimBr Mart, Robinson's General Store and Tower Hill Marine.

Students looking for community service hours are welcome to

help at the Food and Toy Drive – for more information give Barb a call at 766-2108.

The Children's Christmas Party will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Dorset Recreation Centre. There will be crafts, entertainment, pizza and refreshments and of course a visit with Santa. Please bring one wrapped gift for presentation to your child by Santa. For more information, call Steve at 766-2469. The Children's Christmas Party is generously sponsored by the Dorset Lions Club.

Dorset Playgroup Moms and Tots will be meeting once a month for a Family Play Day starting in December at the Dorset Recreation Centre. All are welcome to this free program for preschoolers and their care givers. Join Heather, Linky and Luke for play and social time. For more information and the date for December, please call Heather at 705-641-8787 or email lakeofbaysanglican@hotmail.com.

The YMCA of Simcoe-Muskoka Employment Service – Huntsville will be offering employment services in Dorset at the Dorset Recreation Centre beginning Tuesday, Jan. 11. Job search resources are available during Recreation Centre hours.

These include access to a computer with word processing and

Internet, resume and cover letter templates in Word, sample resumes and cover letters, job search information, job search web sites, and access to the Huntsville Employment Service staff during office hours via web cam.

Also, every other Tuesday from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. an employment specialist will be on site to offer employment assistance. These in-person services include resume and cover letter assistance, job search advice, career coaching, job matching and placement.

Workshops will also be available on such topics as creating resumes and cover letters, interviewing, networking and the hidden job market, informational interviewing, labour market research, and personality dimensions. These workshops are on a pre-registration basis.

Birthday wishes for the week of Nov. 28 to Dec. 4 go out to Lynn Quinn and Gina Baum. For all who have birthdays, anniversaries special occasions this week, have fun on your special day!

To submit an item of interest or a birthday wish, please email me at melalfano@hotmail.com or give me a call at 705-766-0076.

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Gina Atkinson
Stanhope Life

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This item is a clear indication of how time gets us off guard! For those of you that did mark their calendars this won't be an issue. Following are the details I promised on the Christmas in Carnarvon happening Dec. 1 at 7 p.m. at the Zion United Church. It's a wonderful evening put together by other local churches – Maple Lake, Haliburton, Minden, West Guilford, Eagle Lake – all denominations.

All ladies are welcome to go and enjoy this evening of fun, featuring skits, songs or perhaps a reading to stir those nostalgic memories of years gone by.

The ladies serve tea and homemade Christmas goodies. At least I assume they are homemade! Can't imagine them going out and purchasing store bought like I do. However, lately I have made biscotti which have actually turned out rather well. There's hope for me!

Anyways, there is no charge for this evening, go out and enjoy!

This following item is such a good idea that I would be really, really surprised if you didn't take advantage of it.

Gerda Hammond and her husband are now full-time residents of our area, *welcome*. Gerda is also the contact for the Good Food Box.

The Good Food Box is now available in our area. The cost is \$15 per box and it contains fresh fruits and vegetables, which as we all know we should be eating more of. Not only do you get fresh produce but you also receive recipes and nutritional information.

It works like this: you place an order at the beginning of each month and then you pick it up on the third Thursday of that month. The pick up for our area is the Zion United Church right here in Carnarvon on East Road.

This program is open to anyone who wants to stretch their food budget. The Food Banks in the county will be providing the Good Food Box for families unable to afford to buy the box themselves.

For more information or to order your box please call Gerda at 489-1178. For other areas please call Mary Lawr at 448-1128 and she will provide you with contact information for somewhere closer. Mary Lawr of the Haliburton Lions Club, with the support of the Lions Club is the new coordinator of this program.

Early notice with reminders to follow! There will be many choices for New Year's Eve and its going to be tough choosing.

The new owners, Ziad and Ann of the Red Umbrella Inn have put together a great evening for New Year's Eve. Featured is a great dinner followed by a late night "Middle Eastern Tapas Buffet" prepared by Chef Michael.

The evening will feature The Ya Babys with Andy (Blue Rodeo's lighting tech) and their spectacular new light show. Rick Lowes of MOOSE FM Radio will be broadcasting Live to Air from the Red Umbrella that night as well.

Seating is limited so if this is tempting, purchase your tickets now to avoid disappointment. There are different packages available: The Ya Babys show only; dinner and show and then they have packages for out-of-towners or those who just want to stay put after this kind of evening. Those packages can either be accommodations, dinner and show or jacuzzi and sauna suite, dinner and show.

Tickets are available at the Hair Lounge in Carnarvon, PharmaSave in Minden, Henwood's Variety in Haliburton and of course The Red Umbrella Inn, 489-2462 or visit their website at www.redumbrellainn.com.

By now you all know my granddaughter Alyssa Stiver. Well in June this year Alyssa and her friend River Christiano found a baby snowshoe rabbit here in Carnarvon. Alyssa took this little bundle to the best choice ever – her grandmother Mary Stiver (the famous raccoon lady of the past). As you can see in this picture Alex is doing rather well and has even donned his traditional winter white coat even though he spends his time mostly indoors.

Alex is handled easily and loves to play. He is one lucky bunny since he has probably never heard of stew.

Alyssa and her friend Savannah Hie brought him for a visit to the store but I made sure they didn't put him down. Have a great week!

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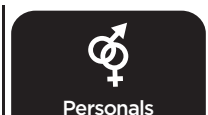
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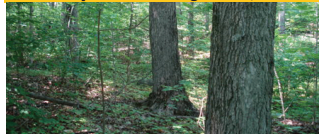
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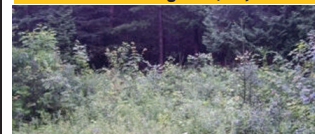
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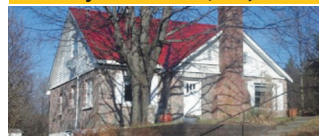
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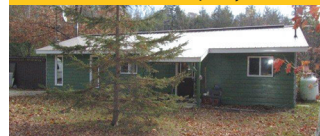
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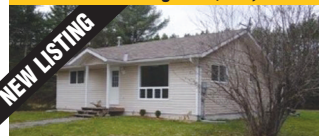
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